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Ex-Soviet Spy In Pittsburgh, Prober Told

Lawmakers Hunting
Missing Defector;
Controversy Grows

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Congressional investigators have hit a dead end this week trying to find a Soviet secret police defector who has been living in the New York City area.

An investigator for the House Un-American Activities Committee was sent to New York to try to interview the defector, Michael Goleniewski, but failed to locate him.

Rep. John Ashbrook, Ohio Republican, a member of the committee, revealed he also made a secret flight to New York on his own Tuesday night in an attempt to talk with Goleniewski at a Long Island apartment house where he had been living.

[The FBI office in Pittsburgh said it could not comment one way or another on a security case of this nature and urged that no inferences be drawn from its silence as to whether or not the defector actually was in the area.]

Mr. Ashbrook said an "intermediary" for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) told him the agency would prefer that he not pursue the case.

Mr. Ashbrook declined to identify the intermediary, but declared that he and other lawmakers are determined to press the matter and bring out the full story.

Controversy mounted over the former Red agent's published assertions that Soviet secret police have infiltrated American embassies in important nations abroad as well as every U. S. agency except the FBI.

Highly reliable Government sources discredited many statements attributed to Goleniewski as grossly exaggerated and largely untrue. These sources readily acknowledged, however, that he gave valuable information in the past that led to the arrest of Red spies abroad.

Confirming that Goleniewski started feeding secrets to U. S. intelligence agents in Poland in 1958, these sources said he was placed under "contract" by the CIA, then brought to the U. S. in 1961.

Information he provided figured in the downfall of Irwin Scarbeck, a U. S. Embassy official in Warsaw who was blackmailed into giving U. S. secrets by a Polish woman spy.

Later, Government officials maintain, Goleniewski became discontented, and felt that he was being underpaid and inadequately protected by the U. S.

Goleniewski is an assumed name, selected for the former Soviet secret police agent to protect his identity. He still is believed to be under protective care of the CIA.

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